

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Late February Winter Weather SITUATION REPORT # 1 1500 Hours 25 February 2007

New Information in Bold Italics

WEATHER FORECAST

Frozen and freezing precipitation began late Saturday evening and spread East across the State this morning. Several inches of snow/sleet in extreme Western Virginia. Forecasting an additional 1-3 inches of snow and sleet today; possibly up to 6 inches in higher elevations. An additional ¼ inch of ice could occur later this afternoon. Mainly rain event in the Eastern part of the State. Lighter precipitation is expected this afternoon and evening.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: *The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Response Operations as a Winter Storm impacts the Commonwealth. The VEOC continues to monitor the storm and consult with NWS offices on current updates. The VEOC conducted conference calls Saturday, 24 February and Sunday, 25 February with State Agencies, NWS offices, and localities in all 7 VDEM Regions.*

Protective Actions:

EOC Activations:

City of Alexandria – opened 25 February 0400 hours

Prince William – opened 25 February 0530 hours then closed at 1240 hours

Several localities have brought in additional staff but have not activated their EOCs.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point: Monitoring the storm and consulting with NWS offices on current updates.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 and 13 – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Virginia State Police (VSP) – At this time the Department of Transportation is reporting the following weather related impacts. In central Virginia/Northern Neck areas, a wintry mix is giving way to rain and road conditions are improving. Northern Virginia and Shenandoah Valley areas are experiencing an increase in traffic related incidents; approximately 50 accidents with a half-dozen reported as major.

ESF 12 – Energy – Dominion Power is staging line contractors in the western part of state. The Fairfax Storm Center reportedly opened at noon 25 February. Total outages at 1300 hours are 6,002. The State Corporation Commission is reporting no major outages in the Electric Cooperatives Service Areas as of 25 February 1000 hours.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 - Emergency Management – Conducted State Agency and Region-wide conference calls and preparing a daily situation report, as required. No additional conference calls are scheduled at this time.

NEIGHBORING STATES

Maryland – May go to level 2 augmentation Monday morning depending on the problems associated with the morning commute.

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